## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The invention relates to a A\_laser active optronic system with improved detectivity, especially an eye-safe optronic system. The system comprises a has an emission channel for the emission by an emission source of a laser beam illuminating which illuminates a target, and a receiving channel for receiving the wave backscattered by the target. An optical switching device is positioned in the receive receiving channel, said optical-switching device receiving eaid to receive the backscattered wave and eomprising has an optical gain medium and pumping means for pumping [[said]] the gain medium[[,]] \_said—The gain medium being is absorbent at the wavelength of the laser and becoming becomes substantially transparent when it is pumped, in such a way as to allow the switching device to be actuated in the on mode or off mode respectively. It further includes a A\_control unit for controlling the pumping means, allowing allows the switching device to be actuated in the on mode in at least one temporal window of predetermined duration, triggered at a predetermined instant after the start of emission of the illuminating laser beam.

Figure 1A